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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 7th, 1927
Thanksgiving services in connec-
tion with Canada's Jubilee celebra-
tion were held in the arena Sunday
night. About 900 were in attend-
ance. Reeve J. Lunau presided and
those taking part were Rev. Haig of
Victoria Square, Rev. Edward Kelly,
Sgt.-Major Butler and Rev. F. H.
Battersby and Rev. N. Wellwood.
Members of the Richmond Hill
Public School staff were: Walter
Scott and Misses Richardson, Brown,
Fox, Mortley, Webb and Mrs. Mc-
Conaghy.

The sixtieth anniversary of Con-
federation was marked by a celebra-
tion in the Richmond Hill Park on
Dominion Day. There was a
sports program in the afternoon and
a pageant presented in the rink at
night. Among those taking part in
the pageant were: Lawrence Ha-
worth, Freddie Urben, Miss F. M.
Brown, Ruth Davis, Audrey Patrick,
Marion Scrivener, Queenie Urben,
Nora Batty, Lenore Glass, Marguer-
ite Glass, Eleanor Drury, Ruth Rea-
man.

Dr. Quigley purchased the dental
practice of Dr. W. F. Armstrong at
Thornhill.
James McLean was appointed gen-
eral chairman of the York County
Committee in charge of the Provin-
cial Plowing Match to be held at the
Jail Farm, Langstaff.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of June 27th, 1912
A sixty-six foot road is being op-
ened up through the Lefever prop-
erty and will be known as Brook-
side Gardens.

Congratulations were extended to
Mr. and Mrs. W. Cosgrove on their
recent marriage.

President Taft again received the
Republican nomination for president
of the U.S.A.

The inaugural meeting of Victoria
L.O.L. was held at Richmond Hill.
The first officers included: Thomas
A. Donnelly, W. D. Atkinson, R. J.
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son, A. R. Metcalfe, William Furey,
Frank Dolan, George T. Allison, J.
Tiffin, J. Hickson, J. Morrison, H.
Patterson, W. Benson, W. Shear-
down and H. Graham.

Mrs. Michael and daughter Mrs.
Hinckley left for a trip to western
Canada.

Officers of Richmond Lodge in-
stalled and invested on June 24 were:
E. M. Byrne, W.M., G. Padget, S.W.,
G. Cowie, S.W.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 3rd, 1902
R. Forbes was installed as W.M.
of Patterson Lodge, Thornhill.
Sir William Mulock received his
Knighthood from His Majesty the
King.

Rev. N. Wellwood preached his
farewell sermon in the Richmond Hill
circuit before leaving for Dundalk.

Mrs. Agnes Miller Coulter, wife of
John Coulter, died in her 68th year.
She was born in County Down, Ire-
land and came to Richmond Hill in
1855.

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General News & Views

Haying operations are general
throughout the district and farmers
report some fine crops.

There are some lovely wheat fields
in York County which give promise
of excellent yields.

Police are investigating complaints
of pilfering letters from mail boxes
on rural route three King City.

The estate of the late Mrs. E. J.
Davis of Newmarket was recently
probated. The estate was valued at
\$368,570.

The fellow who was going to mail
us a check last week never even
wrote us, comments The Warkworth
News. And yet they say "No news
is good news".

We don't know who said it, but
we noticed this statement in print
the other day, notes the Huron Ex-
positor. "There never was a time
when there were so many people who
knew so little about so much". Per-
haps you have noticed it.

The following "ad" appeared in
Monday's Globe & Mail: "Middle-
aged man, experienced farmer, pre-
fers good Christian home, room for
car, clothing, single bed, regular good
meals which can be eaten without
teeth; apply reference to wages, ac-
commodation, length of time re-
quired.

Speaking at the Bruce Peninsula
Tourist Association meeting at Wiar-
ton recently, Premier Mitchell Hep-
burn said, "we are not doing our
very all in this war effort, for if
we had our present situation would
be far more favorable." He predict-
ed the war on the Pacific would go
on for another five years.

The fool season lasts for twelve
months of every year. In the fall
the fool who "didn't know it was
loaded" occupies the spotlight. In the
winter the one who starts the fire
with the coal oil can is not yet ex-
tinct, even if the person who looks
for a gas leak with a lighted match
runs him a close race for a place in
the obituary column. But in the
summer the fool who experiments
with a canoe leads all the rest. His
season is just climbing to its full
height. Of course, the one who
rocks the boat is a full brother. You
will find both of them in the news
columns, in the morgue quite often.
Moral: Don't be a fool! — Stirling
News-Argus.

Ho, hum- Why is it the men who
hate to say no are seldom ever
found in the banking business?

BIRD CHATTER

'Twas a perfect June day — the
air warm and still, just a faint stir
in the leaves, the buzz of the insects
breaking the quiet stillness — an
ideal day for 'just sittin'.' Slowly
but surely a plaintive 'pe-ah-weet'
penetrated our empty thoughts.
Against the clear blue of the sky
on the topmost branch of a dead
limb of the walnut tree perched the
bird whose song we heard. It was
the wood pewee. With the field
glasses we were able to see the
slightly ruffled feathers suggesting
a crest and the white throat. The
general appearance was dark grey
with a lighter breast. As we studied
it, the pewee continued its plaintive
'pe-ah-weet', occasionally darting out
and back again to its perch. Some-
times it would turn quickly around
not moving from the limb. Undoubt-
edly it was catching insects. It is
customary for the pewee to perch
on dead limbs, like other fly catch-
ers, as their view is less obstructed.
The pewee makes its nest of plant
fibres and decorated with bits of
moss, placed on a horizontal bough
quite a height from the ground. The
eggs are creamy white speckled with
brown.

In contrast to the song of the
pewee came the warble of the vireo
— that small light grey bird with no
particular colouring other than a
light streak above its eye, but you
hear it warbling all day long from
morning till evening.

In order to see the vireo a little
more closely we startled a bird from
the side of a tree and it flew away
with a peenk-peek-peek. We not-
iced the black and white cross bars
when it flew and when it came back
again presently to perch on an old
post we saw plainly the white streak
down the centre of its back, so re-
cognized it as the female downy
woodpecker because there was no red
on it.

To add a little color to our sight-
seeing from a garden chair a pretty
yellow goldfinch perched for a second
or two on a limb among the roses.

We were glad that the little pewee
roused us from our reverie and had
decided it doesn't pay to 'just sit',
even in the garden.

A friend was telling us of a little
experience she had with a pair of
cedar waxwings at her home one day
recently. They seemed to be looking
for bits of string and being their
friend she brought out some for
them. They wouldn't touch the col-
ored string but took a large quantity
of white string. Presumably they
were building a nest but so far our
friend hasn't been able to locate it.
She was delighted at having seen a
baby oriole with its mother right

near the house. It was so downy
looking and was more of a golden
color rather than the reddish orange
coloring of the parent oriole. A least
fly catcher had been seen by the
same party near her home. They
are distinguishable by the white
circle around the eye, are common
everywhere in orchards, swamps, or
along roadsides and are often known
by the name of 'Chebec' because
their notes resemble that word. Our
friend had also seen a bittern at
the creek near Vita-Feed. This wa-
ter bird is very shy and retiring and
is seldom seen away from marshes
or ponds it frequents. It has a
glossy black crown, a white throat,
and its general coloring variegated
brown, yellow eye, legs and base of
bill greenish yellow.

The story of the cedar waxwings
and the string reminded us of the
one we had heard of the yellow
warblers when they were building a
nest in a certain cedar hedge in the
village. One morning the lady of
the house noticed the warbler tugg-
ing at a bit of cloth hung on the
clothes line. She realized their prob-
lem right away so put out some bits
of rags for them which they made
use of in a very short time.

Recently Miss Richardson, North
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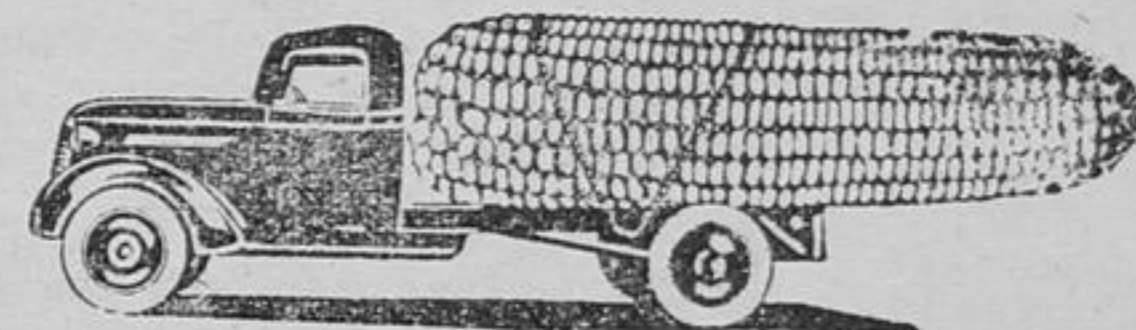
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